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STABLE CELL RESISTANT TO APOPTOSIS AND NUTRIENT STRESS AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8, 18, 20-25 and 35.

Please amend claims 1, 7, 10, 19, 26, 33 and 36, as follows:

1. (Amended) An insect cell line comprising:

a) a recipient cell wherein said recipient cell is an insect cell that has been stably transfected with a first recombinant DNA expression vector comprising a

| recombinant DNA that encodes a suppressor of apoptosis such that said CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION | |
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